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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director/Special Activities

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

REFERENCES: A. Memorandum for DAD/OSA from C/SB/OSA
dtd 24 Sept 62
Subject as above, OSA-1345-62

B. Memorandum to C/SB/OSA from DAD/OSA
dtd 25 Sept 62, OSA-1439-62
Subject: Security Status of Subject

1. In my brief memorandum dated 24 September 1962, (ref A.), I suggested that in view of the questionable information available in the Office of Security, CIA, pertaining to the Subject that [REDACTED] be requested to phase out of his employment [REDACTED]

2. I was distressed to receive your reaction in your memorandum of 25 September 1962 (ref B.) wherein you rationalized that since the Subject would not be employed by [REDACTED] on classified matters, it would be "improper for you to dictate to [REDACTED] that he must not employ her.

3. The security element provided to support the DAD/SA has always endeavored to avoid the black or white reaction to a security problem. Along this line I suggest that I do not believe that my recommendation in ref A. was arbitrary or capricious, and as in other instances where the recommendations of security have not received the concurrence of the Front Office, your nonconcurrence in the proposed action was accepted naturally as the final decision.

4. I feel I would be derelict, however, in not inviting to your attention certain additional feelings I have in this regard.

a. As you know, once we received the preliminary indication from the Office of Security that in all probability a security clearance would not be granted to permit the Subject's use, we did not pursue the matter. I feel certain that the Director of Security would issue a formal disapproval.

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b. To date I have not informed the Office of Security, and I have been derelict here, of the fact that this individual concerning whom serious security questions exist is, in fact, employed by [REDACTED] who is privy to ultra-sensitive information pertaining to projects of the highest national significance. Here again I feel that if this fact was called to the attention of the Director of Security (as it should be even if it were referred routinely to a lower element of OS), it is my decided opinion that [REDACTED] would react less than favorably.

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e. Although the Subject is being utilized apparently in an unwitting technical capacity and not privy to "classified information", it is interesting to me to note that the Agency is being called upon to underwrite her expenses on travel abroad with [REDACTED] apparently on an assignment in which the Agency has an interest. (From the Agency viewpoint, how desirable it would be to have an American agent work closely with a senior Soviet official privy to Soviet information of a comparable nature that is available to [REDACTED] I would definitely agree that such an American agent could work most effectively even though she didn't have a Soviet security clearance.)

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5. The above observations are provided to insure that you do appreciate my position and I encourage the DAD to recognize that with regard to the Subject I believe we are in a position subject to valid criticism.

6. I would appreciate your comments.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Security Branch
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